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To commend the United States rice industry, and for other purposes.

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Mr. DE LA GARZA (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SARPALIUS, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. THORNTON, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. FAZIO, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. WILSON, Mr. HAYES, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. BROOKS) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Post Office and Civil Service and Agriculture

JOINT RESOLUTION

To commend the United States rice industry, and for other purposes.

Whereas the rice industry is a good and valuable part of the United States economy;

Whereas it is estimated that rice production, milling, and marketing and rice-related commerce provide over 100,000 jobs in the United States economy;

Whereas the rice industry helps to generate a positive balance of agricultural trade for the United States economy;

Whereas the rice industry generates over \$3,000,000,000 in annual commerce for the United States economy;

Whereas rice is a popular food in the United States, with consumption increasing 3 to 5 percent annually;

Whereas rice producers have made major efforts to protect waterfowl habitat, and rice production can be managed to protect water quality in an environmentally sound manner;

Whereas the rice industry produces an important food used in the worldwide humanitarian assistance program of the United States Government;

Whereas competition for foreign rice markets is ever increasing;

Whereas, to be competitive, the United States rice industry must implement and maintain a comprehensive research and product market development program;

Whereas, to be competitive, the United States rice industry must use its resources efficiently and effectively;

Whereas a strong unified voice is a valuable and productive asset for any United States industry but especially for a comparatively small industry like rice; and

Whereas the United States rice industry, fully recognizing modern resource and market and other economic and environmental challenges, has voluntarily and collectively developed a plan for, and agreed to establish, an industry organization to best determine and accomplish its goals:
Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That the United States rice industry is to be commended

1 for its decision to establish an industry organization, and
2 the President is authorized and requested to issue a proc-
3 lamation commending the decision and recognizing the
4 success that the decision will have in promoting the com-
5 mon interests of the rice industry, as well as the interests
6 of the rice-consuming public.

